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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET FOR CONGRESSMAN AT-LARGE. GALUSHA A. GROW, OF SUSQUEHANNA. ELECTION FEBRUARY 20.

"A STUDY IN SCARLET." Weird, thrilling, absorbing; never a breath in the interest; a powerful delineation, involving deductive skill of an unprecedented degree.

WHO UNDER THE SUN IS HANCOCK? THE EXECUTIVE COACH shows symptoms at last of a desire to come down from the Hawaiian tree.

WHEN THE FOOL-KILLER was not present at the framing of Democracy's latest platform, what a chance he missed! FARQUHAR, CURTIN and Singlerly desire it known that they have no ambitions of the outside-the-breastworks stamp.

THE EFFORT to sacrifice so good a man as ex-Governor Curtin shows how inherently heartless the Pennsylvania Democracy is.

EDITOR SINGLERLY could have had the nomination against Grow without effort or price, but Editor Singlerly knows when it is a year to keep well under shelter.

COLLECTOR HERRING has done wisely to defer his manifestation of an active interest in Democratic campaign work until after his appointment by the president. It would have been a fatal bar.

DEMOCRACY'S BANK and file are requested by yesterday's convention to please excuse the small amount of "pointing with pride" contained in Democracy's platform.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATS, in denouncing Republican "extravagance" seem to forget that no sooner had their party got control of congress than they "saw" the Republican expenditure and went it fully sixty million dollars better.

IT IS PROBABLE that the young woman who desires to be divorced from her husband who is a millionaire has either been unable to secure any of his riches or is desirous of receiving a liberal portion, even though she lives alone, and get consolation in handsome alimony.

ISN'T IT A TRIBLE strange that the "general business depression," the "wreck and ruin to manufacturing and commercial interests" which the Democratic state platform charges to the McKinley tariff did not materialize until the Democrats got hold of the government and threatened to smash that tariff?

GREAT BRITAIN'S recent annexation of the Gilbert Archipelago, in the Pacific ocean, comprising sixteen islands with a total area of one hundred and seventy square miles, ought to convince those who are opposed to any connection with Hawaii that it won't do to leave the islands near the hungry British lion.

WITH A MAJORITY of two to one in the senate, a good working majority in the senate, a president and a speaker of the house who does not scruple to apply gag law of the "gagging" type, when needed to further partisan purposes, isn't it somewhat childish in the Democrats of Pennsylvania to jump so severely upon the little Republican majority in congress for failing to pitch in and help pass the squint-eyed Wilson bill?

UNIVERSAL DEPRESSION. There is one fact in connection with the financial and mercantile depression existing which to some extent has been overlooked. For the only time in the history of business disaster the whole civilized world has been similarly affected.

UP TO 1890 the world had for many years been doing an apparently enormous amount of business and accumulating nominal wealth with great rapidity. But a very large part of the business was of a speculative nature, and on a credit basis, and much of the seeming wealth was on paper.

collapse of inflated values is a disaster from which, with prompt and prudent readjustment, we may hope speedily to recover and be better for the wholesome correction, and from which oftentimes the more conservative and stable lines of business suffer comparatively little injury.

IT WAS under the burden of that disadvantage that we fell into the present depression, and it is because we are still under that burden that the outlook for complete and speedy relief is not bright.

GET AFTER THE BURGLARS. It is evident to any one who has kept watch of the burglaries and burglarious assaults committed in this city within the past few months that something is radically wrong with the protection afforded to those who pay taxes that they may sleep in peace or walk abroad after night-fall without carrying arsenals.

WE DO NOT pretend to know where the fault lies; but it is indisputable that there is a fault, and that it is a bad one. The system which enables burglars to enter houses in broad daylight; permits highwaymen to ply their vocation at eventide on much frequented streets, and which even fails to keep thieves and robbers out of the municipal building, is a wrong system, a weak system, and a system wholly out of keeping with the magnitude, wealth and importance of the third city in this state.

Obviously, then, if the police force of Scranton is too small to guard the city of Scranton as it should be guarded, it should be enlarged. Better far, that people who own homes in this city should feel secure enough to sleep in them than that they should have new bridges or new parks.

IT IS A SQUARE ISSUE. Despite the obscurity of their nominee and the inevitable recurrence of shallow demagogism in the framing of their platform--notably in the pitifully transparent effort to charge the existing business depression to a tariff which, during the two years of its fair trial, had begun to start American industries upon a new course of profitable and general activity--the Democrats of Pennsylvania, grown unexpectedly bold, have courted a square issue between protection and free trade.

Home News Viewed from Afar. Our neighboring city of Scranton will soon see a number of changes. A penny afternoon paper is one of the things now in embryo.

Philosophy on the Half Shell. There are a great many Rockefellers in the world. We all have our weaknesses and it is feared that none of us are what we really appear to be.

The War Against Santa Claus. The REFORMED Church Pastoral association of the Lehigh Valley to-day struck another blow at Santa Claus.

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viciousness of the Hoke Smith idea of pension "reform" are secondary in the scale of present gravity to the question of protection or hostility to American industry.

PUBLICITY HAS knocked the last spark of lingering life out of the infamous policy of President Cleveland toward the public spirited government of respectable and self-respecting Hawaiians.

MINOR FACTS AND FANCIES. The fate of Washington Waterman, murdered near Tunkhannock, points anew to the wisdom of carrying large sums of money about on one's person.

It is customary in some places to deride E. W. Bok because it is his business to write tepid advice to young girls and mothers. Nevertheless, Bok performs this unenviable function so well that although he was born in Holland and compelled to acquire a working knowledge of a language strange to him, he is now able, at \$2, to command a salary of \$10,000 a year.

All this suggests itself apropos of an article by Mr. Bok in the Scranton Citizen, telling young men how to succeed in business.

The trouble with many young men is that they don't want to succeed in business. They want success to come to them, some fine morning, as it came to Byron.

It isn't at all likely that the good brethren of Allentown who have begun a moral crusade against jolly Old Santa Claus can be persuaded over to the way of thinking of those who see no harm, but, instead, an innocent amusement, in happy fire-side cheer, in the annual appearance of that venerable Christmas impostor.

A Washington dispatch to the Philadelphia Press intimates that Mr. Hines will try to get Herring's appointment hung up in the senate. It is needless to coal mines in Pennsylvania than the same William Hines when the collectorship load is wholly removed from his shoulders and he is left free to enlighten things at Washington, without the embarrassing necessity of constantly keeping a windward eye to the possible loss of executive favor.

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